

NEED OFFICERS FOR BIG GUNS

Expansion of Army Demands Large Number of Artillery Officers

The heavy (coast) artillery needs a large number of officers to meet the demands made by the increased army program of 4,000,000 men in France by July 1, 1919, according to army officials. The heavy artillery handles all guns above the six inch caliber, all large howitzers, large trench mortars, and the anti-aircraft guns assigned to corps and armies.

All officers for the heavy artillery are commissioned after passing through the coast artillery training school. The school for the eastern part of the country is located at Fort Monroe, Va. The candidates for this school are selected from enlisted men already in the army, from student soldiers in the students army training corps, and from civil life. Civilian men who desire to work for a commission must, as a preliminary measure, be voluntarily inducted into the military service.

Any man subject to draft, no matter what his age or classification, can apply for voluntary induction with the object of trying for a commission in the heavy artillery. Men in class one who are so inducted and fail to make good for a commission, are retained in the military service as enlisted men. Men in deferred classifications on account of dependent relatives, who fail to obtain a commission are returned to civil life.

Officers in the heavy artillery must possess the qualities of personality and leadership necessary for an officer in any branch of the service. In addition they must possess the educational requirements.

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New Agreement Is Likely; Holland to Release Idle Shipping

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—Negotiations for a rationing agreement with Holland are to be resumed in London immediately. It is expected here that a new agreement will be reached, similar somewhat to the commercial agreements with other neutral countries whereby they get needed supplies.

Holland has decided to release from her ports approximately 50,000 tons of idle shipping to carry the balance of grain due here, in accordance with the terms of President Wilson's offer of last March, which provided 100,000 tons of bread cereals, half to come from the United States and half from South America.

ENEMY WILL NEVER BE HARD HIT UNTIL HIS OWN TOWNS ARE UNDER FIRE

By EDGAR WALLACE

London, Eng., Oct. 18.—Gen. Ludendorff, we are told, is shortening his line, and we are asked to believe even by our own allied writers that there is something rather admirable in these retirements of his, which are, according to the German viewpoint, which seems to be adopted in this country, dictated by the shrewd foresight of a military genius. When the Germans held the Marne salient, he was holding a front a little over 50 miles longer than that which he held at the beginning of March of this year. With all its disadvantages, it may have been a little more than 10 miles longer.

He has reduced his front by 20 miles by the evacuation of the Tardenois plateau, but this does not necessarily mean an accession of strength except in a negative sense. He can certainly hold his front with seven divisions less than he would have employed had the salient become a permanent institution, and on paper it looks as though he has these seven divisions to use in further offensive operations. But in budgeting for a great attack the enemy must allow for a further lengthening of the line and for the employment of the divisions he has actually the same kind of duty, namely, the holding of an increased length of front. A shortening of line, when that shortening is systematically carried out, is, therefore, an advertisement of the fact that the enemy has finished his offensive operations, and if no further allied action follows the present battle, we may witness in the early months of next year a complete withdrawal of the enemy from the Somme salient to the old Hindenburg line, or possibly beyond that line. Once the German seriously adopts defensive measures he will go to work very thoroughly. The 540 miles of line between Verdun and the sea can very easily be reduced to 180.

It must be remembered that last year the Franco-Belgian offensive was thrown out of gear as a result of the German retreating voluntarily to the line of the St. Quentin canal. He could go back farther without losing his grip on the vital parts of northern France. Such a retirement might easily result in the war being carried into 1920.

ENGLAND SEE WINDY SPOT

"Rest Camps" in England Are Fascinating Places, But Not Much Rest.

By GEORGE HALL

London, Eng., Oct. 18.—It is a situation does not matter. It is in England, that is the important fact. There is a map and a compass, high winds spot where you can get a view over miles of English country, hill and dale and woodland, and it will do for the American camp. The high, windy spot must be within walking distance of an old English town, which has an intimate place in our early history, and as many legends as would make a book of romance and enchantment.

Many Americans visited the town in the old days. They were then in a hurry, and did not mind what they said to get in and out again quickly. They were the town people, perceiving their inquisitiveness and being simple folk, perhaps, who were not used to the high, windy spot in the days of peace. The town grew accustomed to being polished off in the course of half a day or so, while the Americans were delighted at sticking another name in their guide books.

ONE TELLS OF CHILDISH TOYS DEFILED AND MADE LEWD BY HELLS HUNS

By E. C. BULEY

London, Eng., Oct. 18.—One of the signs of the important part American soldiers are now playing on the western front is the ever-increasing number of American wounded in our hospitals. To them, as to Dominion troops, England is "Brighton," a haven of rest after the hell of the fighting line.

The following are among the experiences related to me by various wounded Americans just back from the front.

"Why, say, I got nothin' to tell ye. I only saw a few things and was a dead one. Judging by the looks of him and the manner in which he came into my view, I judged he died sudden. A few minutes, and the next—no more."

"I saw him when I was watching a rocket between their zone and our planes and some of ours. It was going along right above my head, and there must have been a dozen planes fighting. It was easy to look at, you may guess."

"One Hun plane got its medicine and style throwing out men with machine guns. Then I saw a smaller thing falling: it was the Heinele I spoke of. He hit the ground just close to where I was crouching, a few yards to the right and he might have wounded me in a new way."

"A few days later I went out to try and find another dead Heinele. I wanted to have a hand in the tragedy myself this time. The first thing that happened was that I got wounded in the same old way; not a fresh or original about it. So here I am."

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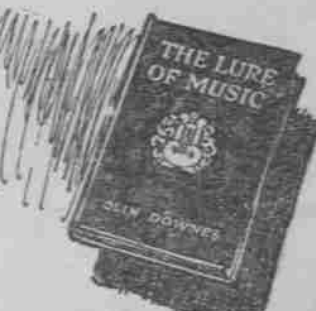
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Trying to Avoid Action

By avoiding action, the German gains time and gives his political agents an opportunity of securing a German peace, and this danger constitutes the best argument against a repetition of a winter lull.

We cannot afford to give the German time or leisure. It is all very well to talk of assembling a force of enormous superiority, and then to march forward to victory, but with ample ground behind him for maneuver and withdrawal, the German can always ensure our striking at him in the old strategy governs the new war, and unless we are prepared to strike at him at points where a withdrawal is absolutely impossible, I commend to the amateur strategist the following experiment: Let him place a sheet of tracing paper over the map and trace the line of the Hindenburg salient. Then let him trace as a base of the new salient the old British line from La Fere to before Arras. When he has finished his tracing let him cut out the salient with a pair of scissors, and laying its base upon any part of the German line, he will discover the minimum advance into the territory now in the occupation of the enemy which Gen. Foch's achievement would be up to strength. But the experiment will be all the more interesting if the paper salient is laid across the map, and you are asked to front where it is impossible for the enemy to retire without serious damage to himself, and where liberty of maneuver in the German line is denied him.

World Cross Rhine

If the paper salient is laid on the extreme right of the French line—that is, between Altkirch and Badonvillers it will be seen that, not only would Mulhausen and Colmar pass within the French lines, but the Rhine would be crossed. Pilsbush would be well within the salient, as would 50 or 40 purely German villages and towns. If the salient is expressed a little to the north its nose would cover Strasbourg. The Rhine crossing would be cut and important towns like Zabern, Molheim and Schlettstadt would be within the salient. If the base of the paper is laid between St. Mihiel and Badonvillers, Metz, Conflans and Thionville disappear from the map. There is, of course, much to be said against opening operations on this front. It is very far from our sources of supply, and it is very hard to the German; but we are, perhaps, a little inclined to exaggerate the proximity or remoteness of bases. Germany did remarkably well at a point 200 miles from the Rhine. Her biggest successes were won at a distance from Westphalia. If the war in the west is resumed on the front between the sea and Moudouille it must of necessity be a hard struggle for all the way.

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"He is our first swimmer, a corporal. We were clearing a wood where there was a wide mass of the machine gun tree tops. That's a chance. Just a little too much eagerness and your remains may make the place untidy than you found it."

Medals On His Chest

"On his chest, plumb contrary to all orders, he had pinned his swimming medal and the iron cross as well. It could not have been vanity. He must have thought the thing was a mascot. Well, it was a joke to me, and to the corporal as well. But the corporal, who can't swim a stroke, is well enough to wear the medal."

"I can't over to fight for freedom and democracy. I didn't hate the Germans, not till just a week or so ago. Until that I never understood why English people were so rabid against the Hun, as they call them."

Childish Toys Defiled

"That's what there is to it. My God, they defiled the children's toys as they would have defiled the children themselves if they could. Can you sense it? What kind of mind and heart can a man have who would take a little girl's doll and turn it into an object lesson and a threat in lewdness?"

"I had read hints of such things but never expected them to be so real. Now I live with a conviction. The German would not only oppress the world, if he were allowed to conquer it, he would defile it unmercifully."

Food Insult to Childhood

"I spoke to some of our boys who had been in Chateau Thierry. They were two or three houses there that are to be kept just as they are. They are just blind-rage conductors. A guy goes in hauling nobody, so to speak, and cherishing compassion about slaying his fellow men. He comes out clean wild."

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That's Why the Distortion and Mutation of Those Baby Toys Haunts Me

"It was a deliberate act, executed with a devilish ingenuity. It was a foul insult to childhood. The men who did it must have shined the unspokeable sin."

"The next time I fought I was too mad to take proper care of myself. I got off lighter than I deserved. I am going back soon, I hope. It

Do You Know Hunst

"You want to know what Hunst is? He was the only prisoner I saw or heard about who came in easy. All the indications we have found point to Heinle's intention of fighting it out."

"But this bunch, when first sighted, was collected outside their machine gun nest, with their hands aloft. As we got nearer, advancing very cautiously for fear of some trap, we could hear them chanting something."

"Our footman went out to gather them in, but he stopped puzzled. 'What Wagner opera is that from?' he asked. They went on chanting their piece and one or two more joined. I think I was the first to get them. 'Honest to God, what they were saying over and over again in chorus was:—

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Mrs. D. P. Harris, 809 North Kansas street, this city, has received an interesting letter from her son, Sergt. Don J. Harris, serving in truck company C, 11th Infantry, in France. He mentions that while 'he wouldn't give a piece of the states his enough to plant an apple tree for the whole of Europe, it is all right for a few months.' He said he was enjoying good health and is seeing the sights. He said the troops get their pay in French francs not long ago and every man had paper money to spend. He thought the 'show' was going to be over before he draws his second furlough.

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